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May 2011 at The State Museum of Pennsylvania

Harrisburg, Pa. – The State Museum of Pennsylvania, the Commonwealth’s official museum, announces its program schedule for May 2011:

THE DŌSHI GALLERY AT THE STATE MUSEUM OF PENNSYLVANIA, A PROJECT OF THE SUSQUEHANNA ART MUSEUM: While the Susquehanna Art Museum (SAM) of Harrisburg is undergoing a transition to a new facility, The State Museum of Pennsylvania is - loaning special exhibition space to house the DŌSHI Gallery in 2011. The current show by SAM features 38 juried art works by more than 35 artists and runs through Sunday, June 19, 2011. Admission is free to members of The State Museum of Pennsylvania and The Susquehanna Art Museum.

FEATURED PLANETARIUM SHOWS IN MAY: “Astronaut” (Educational content grade 3 & up): The exploration of space is the greatest endeavor that humankind has ever undertaken. What does it take to be a part of this incredible journey? What does it take to become an astronaut? Explore the amazing worlds of inner and outer space, from floating around the International Space Station to maneuvering through microscopic regions of the human body. Narrated by Ewan McGregor. Saturdays 11:00 am & 1:00 pm. Sundays 1:00 pm.

“Ice Worlds” (Educational content grade 4 & up): The delicate balance between ice, water and the existence of life has been a topic of exploration and discovery in science for generations. In travels to the Arctic and Antarctic regions of our planet, “Ice Worlds” examines the ecosystems that live and thrive there and show how their survival is connected with our own. Beyond Earth,

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the show demonstrates the existence of ice shapes the landscape and the natural systems on other planets and moons in our solar system. Saturdays 12:00 noon & 2:00 pm. Sundays 2:00 pm
Planetarium shows are \$2 per person in addition to general admission; free to museum members.

FREE DAY, Saturday, May 21: The museum offers the third Saturday of the month as FREE ADMISSION DAY

HOLIDAY CLOSURE IN MAY: The State Museum's administrative offices and galleries will be closed Monday, May 30, 2011, in observance of Memorial Day.

STATE MUSEUM STORE HOURS IN MAY: Offering an array of museum and Pennsylvania-related products, children's items, and souvenirs, The State Museum Store will be open Wednesday through Sunday at the following times: Wednesday – Friday, 10 am – 3 pm; Saturday, 11 am – 4 pm, and Sunday, 1 – 4 pm.

The State Museum of Pennsylvania, located at 300 North Street, is one of 25 historic sites and museums on the Pennsylvania Trails of History®, administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Museum hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Sunday, 12:00 noon to 5:00 pm. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for children and Senior Citizens and includes admission to the popular young children's space, Curiosity Connection. Planetarium shows are \$2 per person in addition to general admission.

Members of the Pennsylvania Heritage Society (including State Museum affiliate members) receive free general admission (some programs require a separate fee) and free admission to Planetarium shows. Please contact (717) 772-6997, Monday-Friday, 9 am – 4 pm to register for the program and to learn more about State Museum and Pennsylvania Heritage Society membership.

Individuals who need special assistance should call (717) 787-6778 or the Pennsylvania TDD relay service at (800) 654-5984. For more information on museum programs, planetarium shows, exhibitions and other events at The State Museum, click on www.statemuseumpa.org.

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